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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Nevada City – Discovered Remains May Belong to Suspect Sought for Shootings

(U) Human remains found along the Yuba River over the weekend may be those of a man suspected of shooting a Placer County Search and Rescue volunteer in August 2016, according to police. Kurt Andrew Collins, 61, has been sought in connection with the shooting of Search and Rescue volunteer Steve Wolf as well as the killing of Michael Mahoney of Union City in July 2016 and the disappearance of Joseph Charles Murphy in October 2003. The Nevada County Sheriff's Office was contacted on 26 November by an individual who reported coming across human remains while running on South Yuba Trail along the Yuba River. The remains were found to be in an advanced state of decomposition and a physical identification was not possible; however, a DNA analysis will be used to help determine the identity.

SOURCE: 30 November 2017, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) San Francisco – Mexican National Acquitted of Murder in SF Pier Killing

(U) A California jury found Jose Ines Garcia Zarate not guilty of murder and manslaughter charges in the death of Californian Kate Steinle, but was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm. US Immigration officials announced after the verdict on 30 November that they would deport the Mexican national at the completion of his sentence. The case was a focal point in the national immigration debate, as Zarate had a history of deportations prior to the shooting. Zarate could spend three years in prison for the firearm charge but has been behind bars for over two years as the case made its way through court.

SOURCE: 30 November 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Imposes Sanctions on 2 Colombians for Cocaine Trafficking

(U) Washington – The Trump administration is imposing sanctions on two Colombians it describes as narcotics traffickers responsible for exporting tons of cocaine to the US. Tito Aldemar Ruano Yandun and Onofre Junior Aguiño Arboleda are accused of leading an international trafficking organization responsible for producing and exporting cocaine from Colombia and Ecuador, through Central America and Mexico, and into the US. This action will freeze any assets they have under US jurisdiction and Americans will be barred from doing business with them. Both men were indicted in January 2017 by a grand jury in the Eastern District of New York on federal charges of international cocaine distribution conspiracy.

SOURCE: 30 November 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Florida – US Coast Guard Intercepts Suspected Human Smuggling Operation

(U) Lake Worth – Authorities intercepted a disabled 25-foot boat overcrowded with 24 people in the Atlantic Ocean about 9 miles off West Palm Beach on 25 November in what they believe to be a human-smuggling operation. Multiple law-enforcement agencies took part, including the US Coast Guard, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, and US Customs and Border Protection. The passengers—who were transferred to DHS for processing and further investigation—included six Haitians, six Ecuadorians, four

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Chinese, three Bolivians, two Azerbaijanis, and one Dominican. At least six people were arrested, including one US citizen and one Bahamian believed to have been running the smuggling operation.
SOURCE: 29 November 2017, [CBS-12 West Palm Beach](#)

(U) Nevada – Changes to Las Vegas Security Planned for New Year's Eve

(U) Las Vegas – Security changes will be coming to New Year's Eve celebrations in both downtown Las Vegas and the Strip in the wake of the 1 October shooting by Steven Paddock. The Strip plans to ban backpacks and strollers during the celebration and have added 800 steel bollards to help keep pedestrians safe before and after the Las Vegas Boulevard closes to traffic. Downtown Las Vegas will close Fremont Street at 6 p.m. local time and only allow ticketed guest access to the area.

SOURCE: 30 November 2017, [KTNV Las Vegas](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Ireland – Two Arrested on Terrorism Offenses**

(U) Belfast — Two men have been arrested following a police operation in northern Belfast, during which a gun and ammunition belonging to the pair were found and seized. They are charged with preparatory acts of terrorism and suspected possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life. The unnamed two men—aged 36 and 37—were arrested by the Police Service of Northern Ireland's Terrorism Investigation Unit and are due to appear at the Belfast Magistrates Court today.

SOURCE: 30 November 2017, [BBC](#)

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